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Title: PET FOOD COMPOSITION FOR REDUCING INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE
IN CATS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on March 5, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from June 5, 2002 to August 5, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect cancellation of claim 5, amendment of previously pending claims 1, and addition of new claims 6-7. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

1. (Amended) A pet food composition [for reducing inflammatory responses in cats] comprising an effective inflammatory response-reducing amount, on a dry matter basis, [fatty acids comprising] of omega-6 and omega-3 fatty acids in a weight ratio of from about 5:1, [where] wherein the majority of omega-3 fatty acids comprises alpha-linolenic acid derived from flaxseed oil, said composition comprising from about 7 to about 14% by weight total fat, which composition is formulated as a solid cat food.